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## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	11
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### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1659, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
- 3 transportation.
- 4 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 5 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 6 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 7 1, 2007]:
- 8 **Chapter 28. Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and**
- 9 **Transportation Alternatives**
- 10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the joint**
- 11 **study committee on mass transit and transportation alternatives.**
- 12 **Sec. 2. The joint study committee on mass transit and**
- 13 **transportation alternatives is established.**
- 14 **Sec. 3. The committee has the following membership:**

1           (1) The members of the standing senate committee on  
2           homeland security, transportation, and veterans affairs.

3           (2) The members of the house of representatives standing  
4           committee on transportation.

5           Sec. 4. The chairs of the standing committees specified in section  
6           3(1) and 3(2) of this chapter shall serve as co-chairs of the  
7           committee.

8           Sec. 5. The committee shall do the following:

9           (1) Review Indiana department of transportation studies  
10          regarding mass transit that have been conducted by the  
11          department.

12          (2) Review federal legislative activity regarding development  
13          and expansion of mass transit as well as revenue streams on  
14          the federal level.

15          (3) Review mass transit initiatives of other states.

16          Sec. 6. The committee shall report on and make  
17          recommendations concerning the following issues:

18          (1) The need to use mass transportation to mitigate  
19          congestion.

20          (2) Ways to address the demand for workforce transportation  
21          that is reliable and secure.

22          (3) Ways to eliminate barriers to investment in mass  
23          transportation created by the current structure of  
24          transportation funding.

25          (4) Existing barriers to private investment in mass  
26          transportation facilities, including tax inequities.

27          (5) Effective ways of leveraging federal programs to  
28          supplement state funding of mass transportation.

29          (6) The relationship between land use and investment in mass  
30          transportation infrastructure.

31          (7) The role that mass transportation plays in promoting  
32          economic growth, improving the environment, and sustaining  
33          the quality of life.

34          Sec. 7. The legislative service agency and the Indiana  
35          department of transportation shall provide support staff for the  
36          committee.

37          Sec. 8. The committee shall operate under the policies governing  
38          study committees adopted by the legislative council.

1       SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this  
2       SECTION, "department" refers to the Indiana department of  
3       transportation established by IC 8-23-2-1.

4       (b) Before December 1, 2007, the department shall commission  
5       four (4) studies concerning mass transit in each of the following  
6       regions:

7           (1) Central Indiana, consisting of the following counties:

8               (A) Boone.

9               (B) Hamilton.

10              (C) Hancock.

11              (D) Hendricks.

12              (E) Johnson.

13              (F) Madison.

14              (G) Marion.

15              (H) Morgan.

16              (I) Shelby.

17           (2) Northwest Indiana.

18           (3) Northeast Indiana.

19           (4) South central Indiana, including Monroe County.

20       (c) Each of the studies specified in subsection (b) must analyze  
21       the following aspects of mass transit systems:

22           (1) The need to use public transportation to mitigate  
23           congestion.

24           (2) Ways to address the demand for workforce transportation  
25           that is reliable and secure.

26           (3) Ways to eliminate barriers to investment in public  
27           transportation created by the current structure of  
28           transportation funding.

29           (4) Existing barriers to private investment in public  
30           transportation facilities, including tax inequities.

31           (5) Effective ways of leveraging federal programs to  
32           supplement state funding of public transportation.

33           (6) The relationship between land use and investment in  
34           public transportation infrastructure.

35           (7) The role that public transportation plays in promoting  
36           economic growth, improving the environment, and sustaining  
37           the quality of life.

38           (8) Policies required to develop a mass transportation system

1 to support a growing population and the states economy for  
2 the foreseeable future

3 (9) Transit oriented development.

4 (10) Impact of mass transit on projected demographic  
5 patterns including age populations.

6 (11) Current and future commuter patterns in the identified  
7 counties.

8 (12) Current trends in mass transit.

9 (13) A review of federal activities in the area of mass transit.

10 (14) Funding options for pilot mass transit and alternative  
11 transit systems.

12 (d) The department shall require winning bidders for the studies  
13 required by subsection (b) to submit final reports by July 1, 2008.

14 (e) The department shall transmit the results of the studies  
15 required by subsection (b) to the public and, in an electronic  
16 format under IC 5-14-6, to the general assembly on or about July  
17 1, 2008. If a winning bidder produces intermediate reports in the  
18 course of conducting a study, the department shall also transmit in  
19 a timely manner the results of those intermediate reports to the  
20 public, and in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the general  
21 assembly and the governor.

22 (f) The department shall pay for the studies required by  
23 subsection (b) from money under the department's control,  
24 including money held in the following funds or accounts:

25 (1) Federal highway account.

26 (2) Federal transit account.

27 (3) State planning and research fund.

28 (4) State's portion of the public mass transit fund.

29 (g) The department's expenditures for a study required by

1        **subsection (b) may not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars**  
2        **(\$250,000).**

3        **(h) This SECTION expires January 1, 2009.**  
          (Reference is to HB 1659 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

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Representative Austin